

QUICK CHANGES ON POLITICAL STAGE

Bryan's Presidential Boom Is Only Stable Feature of Situation.

PROPHECY OF OYSTER BAY

President Roosevelt Again Has Politicians Sorely Puzzled, His Letter.

By Sheldon Cline.

WASHINGTON, August 25.—The past week has been one of bewildering kaleidoscope changes on the stage of national politics. Opinions expressed and predictions made a week ago are not worth a farthing to-day. Seven days hence this week's opinions may have no higher value, though it would seem that some semblance of order is coming out of the chaos that has prevailed.

About the only stable feature of the situation has been Mr. Bryan's presidential boom. The passing of the week has served only to strengthen it, until now his nomination seems as assured as anything in politics possibly can be assured two years in advance of its consummation. Several weeks ago, in this correspondence, the opinion was expressed that Mr. Bryan's row with National Committeeman Sullivan, of Illinois, would not make the difference of one vote, either way, in the next Democratic National Convention. This week's convention of the Illinois Democracy ended definitely that it will not. The Illinois democracy stands by Sullivan and pledges itself to Bryan. Bryan may not exactly like it; Sullivan probably does not wholly relish it, but the march of events was too strong for either of them.

Mr. Bryan is on the high seas, homeward bound, and the democracy is falling over itself in its efforts to acclaim him. Everywhere the name of Bryan is associated with enthusiasm, shouting, cheering, at least in any place that really counts, is there a note of discord. Certainly Mr. Bryan has no cause to complain of the hand that fortune has this year dealt him. He has taken his place beside Theodore Roosevelt on equal terms as one of the two foremost citizens of the land. The pinnacle is a dizzy one, and Mr. Bryan's friends hope he will be as wise—or as lucky—as has been Mr. Roosevelt in holding on.

"You, Mr. Speaker, will be the next President of the United States,"—Theodore Roosevelt.

This, which might be termed the prophecy of Oyster Bay, will be hurled at you a great many times and in a great many forms from now on. To add adornment to it, it will be embellished on buttons bearing the portrait of Hon. Joseph C. Cannon, of Illinois; pro-Cannon newspapers will place it at the head of their editorial columns; it will appear in the form of resolutions at the next Republican National Convention.

For, be it known, the Cannon presidential boom is full-fledged; a lusty, healthy, growing boom, that is making other aspirants for the Presidency sit up and take notice. And, it would seem, the tender plant was nourished by the hand of Roosevelt.

What of Taft? Mr. Roosevelt's War Secretary was supposed to be the presidential choice for the presidential succession. He has been relegated out of the Roosevelt plans? Has the President decided Taft is not the man who can defeat Bryan in 1908? Or has Taft concluded that he would prefer the certainty of a seat on the Supreme Bench to the uncertainty and the uncertainty of a presidential campaign? These are some of the questions politicians are asking themselves and one another. Mr. Roosevelt has had the politicians puzzled a great many times, but he never had them up to this point as they are at present.

"It is too late to understand the man," said a Western Senator who was here this week, and who is popularly supposed to be committed to the Fairbanks presidential cause. "Some little while ago Mr. Roosevelt gave solemn assurance that he would not attempt to influence the Republican party in the naming of his successor, and now he comes forward with what is tantamount to an endorsement of the candidacy of one of the rival aspirants. Don't you find it hard to understand the Western Senator, with a sudden dropping of the barriers, to get away from the notion that the President is playing both ends against the middle to serve certain purposes of his own which have to do with 1908?"

The Handy Doctor in Your Vest Pocket

It's a thin, round-cornered little Enamel Box. When carried in your vest pocket it means Health Insurance.

It contains Six Candy Tablets of pleasant taste, almost as pleasant as Chocolate.

Each tablet is a working dose of Cascares, which acts like Exercise on the Bowels and Liver.

It will not purge, sicken, nor upset the stomach.

Because it is not a "Bile-driver," like Salts, Sodium, Calomel, Jalap, Senna, nor Aperient Waters.

Nether is it like Castor Oil, Glycerine, or other Oily Laxatives that simply lubricate the Intestines for transit of the food stopped up in them at that particular time.

The chief cause of Constipation and Indigestion is a weakness of the Muscles that contract the Intestines and Bowels.

Cascares are practically to the Bowel Muscles what a Massage and Cold Bath are to the Athletic Muscles.

They stimulate the Bowel Muscles to contract, expand, and squeeze the Digestive Juices out of food eaten.

They don't help the Bowels and Liver in such a way as to make them lean upon similar assistance for the future.

This is why, with Cascares, the dose may be lessened each succeeding time instead of increased, as it must be with all other Cathartics and Laxatives.

Cascares act like exercise. If carried in your vest pocket, (or carried in My Lady's Purse), and eaten just when you suspect you need one, you will never know a sick day from the ordinary life of life.

Because these little begin in the Bowels, and pave the way for all other diseases.

"Vest Pocket" box 10 cents.

Be sure you get the genuine, made only by the Sigmund Remedy Company, and never sold in bulk. Every tablet stamped "COCA" and "R."

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Preserved Purified and Beautified by Cuticura SOAP.

The World's Favorite Emollient for rashes, blemishes, eczemas, itchings, irritations, and scallings. For red, rough, and greasy complexions, for sore, itching, burning hands and feet, for baby rashes, itchings, and chafings, as well as for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery, Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, is priceless.

Complete External and Internal Treatment for every Rash, from Pimples, Acne, Eczema, Itch, Scald, etc., to the most stubborn cases of Psoriasis, etc. See how it works. Cuticura Soap, 25c. Ointment, 50c. Retail everywhere. (See how it works.) Cuticura Soap, 25c. Ointment, 50c. Retail everywhere. (See how it works.)

Mr. Roosevelt's letter to Representative Watson, of Indiana, praising the work of the present Congress has brought joy into both political camps. The Republican Congressmen are joyful because the President's letter has been placed upon them and their doings, and they can go home to their constituents and say, "See, this is what the President thinks of us. There isn't any doubt that the President's letter will prove a tremendous influence in favor of the return of a Republican majority to the next House."

Then, why do you ask, is there Democratic joy? Democrats are joyful because the stand-patners in the Republican party have been tried and found wanting. The tariff revisionists, thus vitalizing the tariff as an issue between the parties. When the "Iowa Idea" was out down by the Iowa Republicans until there was left nothing to distinguish from the ideas of all other high protectionists, far-seeing Democrats pointed out that it was the beginning of the end of hope that the Republicans would revise the tariff. Now that the President and Speaker Cannon are standing together in opposition to the tariff question, expectancy of revision by any Republican Congress of the present decade must be abandoned.

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STAUNTON MAN MADE COLONEL

Lieutenant-Colonel Perry Unanimously Chosen for Head of Seventieth Regiment.

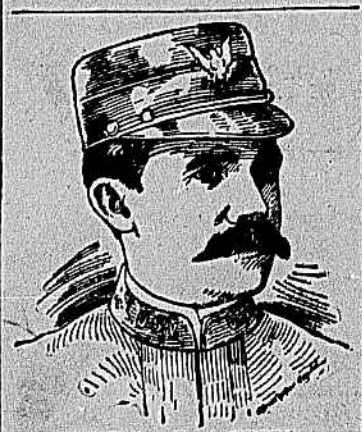
FOUR BALLOTS WERE TAKEN

Captain Skipwith Makes Close Run—Lieutenant Craighill Succeeds Colonel Perry.

The balloting yesterday morning in the Seventh Street Armory for a successor to Colonel George Wayne Anderson, of the Seventieth Virginia Regiment, resulted in the unanimous election, after the fourth ballot, of Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. Perry, of Staunton. The contest was very close, Captain George N. Skipwith, of this city, giving Lieutenant Perry a run of 16 to 17 on the first ballot.

The first ballot was cast and counted, and the vote stood 17 to 16 in favor of Colonel Perry. Not having obtained a majority of the votes cast, a recount had to be made, and the vote stood the same on the second ballot. The same results were obtained on the third ballot. On the fourth ballot, some one went over to Colonel Perry, and he was declared elected.

Was Made Unanimous. The vote was then ordered to be made



COLONEL W. J. PERRY, Successor to Colonel George Wayne Anderson.

unanimous. The voters took a recess of thirty minutes, from 11:15 to 11:45, and then reconvened for the election of a successor to Lieutenant-Colonel Perry. Thirty-three of the thirty-five commissioned officers were present. Those absent from the meeting were First Lieutenant Thomas Larkin, of Fredericksburg; First Lieutenant Robey, of Alexandria; and Lieutenant Powell, of Danville, the latter of whom has not yet been commissioned.

The meeting was called to order by Adjutant-General Anderson, who made a short address of welcome and explained the reason of the meeting. Immediately after, the election of a successor to Colonel Anderson was gone into. There were only two candidates for the position—Lieutenant-Colonel Perry of Staunton, and Captain George N. Skipwith, of this city.

Officers Attending.

The officers present were: Company A—Captain William King, Jr., Lieutenants Jerry Brady and Ernest M. Hardy; Company B—Captain A. W. Miller, Lieutenants W. A. Stuck and J. H. Spence; Company C—Captain Charles M. Wall, Lieutenants E. B. Loving and Isaac J. Hickson; Company D—Captain Thomas P. Peyton and Lieutenants John A. Maddux and Thomas C. Conlon; Company E—Captain Robert E. Craighill and Lieutenants J. E. Moon and M. J. Hickson; Company F—Captain J. H. Stone and Lieutenants W. H. Kindervater and Robert W. Johnson; Company G—Captain P. J. Murphy and Lieutenant J. S. W. Robey could not be present; Company H—Captain Charles E. Johnson and Lieutenants Henry R. Luffey and E. W. Touny; Company I—Captain H. H. Hunt and Lieutenants Vernon D. Venable and P. W. Hubbard; Company K—Captain H. C. Braxton and Lieutenants E. V. Peaco and Charles Shewey.

Company L—Captain M. B. Rowe and Lieutenants A. G. Billingsley, First Lieutenant Thomas M. Larkin was unable to be present; Company M—Captain R. B. Davis and Lieutenant Howard W. Ratnes; Lieutenant W. D. Powell has not yet been commissioned and has no vote.

Career of Colonel Perry. Colonel Perry has a long military record behind him. He first entered the military service as a member of Company K, of the Second Virginia Infantry, in April, 1867. He rose rapidly, and passed through all the grades from corporal to first lieutenant in quick succession. Later he was a second lieutenant in the Second Infantry of the United States Volunteers during the Spanish-American War. In October, 1900, he was elected major of the Third Battalion, Tenth Infantry. In February, 1901, he was elected lieutenant-colonel of the Seventieth Virginia.

The news of his election was telegraphed back to his acceptance of the position of honor. Elect Lieutenant-Colonel. After the election of Colonel Perry the officers went into executive session for the purpose of electing a successor to him.

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The Last Call on Summer Merchandise.

We are standing low because all must go. White Parasols just one-half prices. \$9.00 All-Wool Blankets, full size, to close out, \$5.00. 12 1-2c Flannel, new fall styles, to close out, 7c a yard.

Ready-to-Wear Department.

Bolero Jackets, sold for \$3.00, handsomely trimmed; now \$1.50. You will want them for cool evenings.

Linen Finish Box Coats, Pony Coats, Tight-Fitting and Elton Coats, \$1.50 to \$1.75; \$2.00 and \$2.25. This is just one-third of the original value.

We are the only house in the city selling Separate White Coats.

Plenty of White Linen Finish Skirts, \$8.00 to \$2.00.

White Elton Jackets of excellent quality linen finish suitings; several desirable styles; values range up to \$3.50; your pick while they last at 75c.

Mohair Shirt-Waist Suits, in blue, black and brown, handsome models for a brisk selling these \$10.00 values are to go at half price; per suit, \$5.00.

Box Coats, white linen finish material, this season's choicest models, self-straps and self-buttons—half prices: \$4.00 values to go at \$2.00; \$2.50 values to go at \$1.25; \$3.00 values to go at \$1.50.

One dozen Field Mercerized Petticoats, \$2.50 sellers; to close out at 50c.

White Silk Shirt Waists, handsomely styled, reduced to \$2.35.

Long Lawn Kimonos, effective patterns, with white band; choice at the reduced price, 75c.

Summer White Goods.

Prices you can't afford to miss. 12 1-2c White Goods, plain checks and stripes; to go at 10c.

25c White Goods, plain checks and stripes, Oxford, 15c.

50c White Goods, Plain, Figured Oranges, Mulls of all descriptions, to go at 25c a yard.

50c White Goods, Plain, Dotted Swisses, Organdies, Mulls of all descriptions, 15c.

50c White Figured Muslins, plenty of designs for early choosing; to close out, per yard, 15c.

50c White Organdies, excellent quality, at almost half price, 15c.

50c White Batiste, 46 inches wide, and an unequalled bargain in white dress fabrics, at 35c.

50c quality White Wash Chiffon, to close out, at 25c.

35c quality White Wash Chiffon, reduced for clearance, 25c.

White Linen Lawn, that had never before been sold for 15c.

60c quality of Soft Finish Waist Linen, reduced price, 35c.

75c Handkerchiefs, Linen, fine, sheer quality, to close out, 50c.

Best French Nainsook, in twelve-yard pieces, was \$2.50; now that we've got to get them out, price reduced to \$1.50.

Soft Finish Nainsook, ten-yard pieces; the kind we've been selling for \$3.50, now, to close out, \$2.00.

25c Dotted Muslins, reduced to 15c per yard.

25c Black Persian Lawn, reduced to 15c per yard.

25c Fast Black India Linon, a good bargain at such a low price, 15c.

15c-25c Tulle, in all colors; sale price until all gone, 10c.

Miss Kate Kegney has returned to Lynchburg, after a lengthy visit to Mrs. James Donahoe.

Mrs. Joseph Warriner is at home from a pleasant visit to West Point friends.

Miss M. Virginia Allen has returned to the city after a pleasant visit to Mr. J. O. Pitts's cottage, Wyloughby Beach; also to friends and relatives in Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Miss Nettie G. Moore, of Crewe, Va., is visiting her brother, Mr. E. H. Moore, at No. 411 South Laurel Street.

Mr. Benjamin Havens, professor of music at Sharkey College, Rome, Ga., has returned to his home in Tarboro, N. C., after a pleasant visit to his friend, Captain Lichtenstein, at No. 1419 Grove Avenue.

Mrs. W. S. Quarles and children, of No. 913 West Marshall Street, have returned from a month's stay at Taylorsville.

Mrs. W. S. Quarles will leave the city tomorrow morning for a week's stay in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mrs. John W. Massie is spending several days with relatives and friends in Roanoke.

Miss Nellie Stratton has returned home for a month, and will then go to Niagara Falls.

Miss Nellie Taylor, of No. 239 South Laurel Street, has just returned to the city from an enjoyable visit to relatives in North and South Carolina.

Mrs. N. D. Wilkinson, of North Twenty-seventh Street, left last Monday on the Northern trip, to visit Philadelphia, New York, Atlantic City and Baltimore.

Miss Gertrude Kennedy returned Friday from a six weeks' visit in Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. W. H. Thompson and her little daughter, Lucille, have returned from a delightful trip to New Haven, New York and Philadelphia. They were accompanied by Mr. Thompson.

TWO TRAINS TO LYNCHBURG, VIA O. & C. JAMES RIVER LINE. Pullman Sleeper to Lynchburg, Natural Bridge Station and Clifton Forge.

Chesapeake and Ohio train leaving Richmond at 5:15 P. M., daily except Sunday, via James River Line, carries through sleeper to Lynchburg, Natural Bridge and Clifton Forge, arriving Lynchburg at 10:30 P. M., and Clifton Forge at 11:00 P. M. Returning, sleeper will arrive Richmond 8:40 A. M., daily except Sunday. Sleeper open at occupancy at Lynchburg 7:40 P. M.

Daily train leaves Richmond for Lynchburg and Natural Bridge at 10:30 A. M., with parlor car.

The Last of Linings.

The stock is still in prime condition, so we advise you to buy now for later needs, as the prices will never be so low. These are just a few picked items.

Percales, in all wanted colors, reduced to 50c per yard.

Short lengths of Lining Cambric, all wanted colors, in various desirable lengths, at 25c per yard.

Dreammakers' Cambric, in all light shades, full pieces that must be cleared, 35c per yard.

Great Carpet Bargains.

If you do not need them now, it would pay you to lay them aside.

85c All Wool Ingrains, patterns like Brussels, to go at 50c a yard.

60c Ingrain Carpets, beautiful lot of patterns, to go at 30c a yard.

Window Shades.

50c Window Shades, complete, 35c.

50c Curtain Poles, with brass ends, 17c.

Notions at Small Prices.

10c Corset Stays, 3c.

DeLong Hooks and Eyes, 6c.

Dexter Knitting Cotton, 8c.

Zephyr, all colors, 3c.

Sweetheart Soap, 8c a cake.

Velvet Skirt Binding, 10c a yard.

40c box Writing Paper and Envelopes.

Warren's Quill Bone, all colors, 10c a box.

25c package Rule Writing Paper, 144 sheets, 7c.

Warren's Feather Bone, all colors silk, 10c.

10c Kid Cutlers, 2c dozen.

5c White Tape, 2c per row.

Dragon Spool Cotton, 2c a spool.

5c package Half Pins, 3c.

Pearl Luster, 4-skain, 10c.

Embroidery Silk, all colors, 5c a dozen.

The Last of the Silks.

75c Beau de Cygne, in light blue, lavender, Nile green and other wanted colors; reduced to 50c.

All 75c Tulle, extra heavy quality, in all leading colors; riddance price, per yard, 50c.

50c Colored Satins, popular colors; this is the best 50c grade; to close out, 35c.

41 Fancy Colored Summer Silks, for shirtwaist suits; deeply reduced price, 60c.

45c grade Wash Silks, a great bargain! per yard, 25c.

41 Crepe de Chines, colors include green, pink, tan, blue, brown, red, etc.; hurrying out price, 60c.

80c grade Chiffon and Mousseline, all the desirable colors; reduced to, per yard, 35c.

42 quality, Satin Duchesse, extra heavy and fine; to close out at half price; per yard, 51c.

50c China Silks, 27 inches wide, in all colors; sale price, 35c.

Sensational Dress Goods Prices

Our entire stock to move out—and these prices will make them go quick!

Read's Landowns, in all the leading pastel shades, blue, tan, brown, green, pink, etc., the standard quality; sold in every other store in Richmond for \$1.25, here only 95c.

German Finish Henrietta, regular \$1.25 quality, in white, tan, amethyst, green, blue, etc.; riddance price, 95c.

15c quality Cream Velvets, to close out, per yard, \$1.25.

Cream Mohairs in great demand just now; instead of paying \$1.25, the usual price, we make it 75c.

15c Chiffon Velvets, in all the popular colors; to clear out, per yard, 95c.

15c Gray Panamas, in light and dark shades, 60 inches wide, now reduced; per yard, 85c.

41-inch Cream Serge, that we've been selling formerly for \$1.45; now, to close out, at \$1.

Plain and Fancy Mohairs, in strikingly effective plaids, stripes and figures, in choice colors; instead of 75c, price drops to 45c.

50c quality Velvets, in just the colors you will want, now at 35c.

Lace Bargains

Special lot of Laces, worth up to 45c—Yack, Cluny, Appliques, Medallions, etc.—also Colored Laces for fancy work. Black Laces, etc., widths up to 10 inches; your choice from this lot at 14c.

15c Lace Yokes, exquisite patterns, in white and cream; to close out at half price; per yard, 75c.

Black La Tosca Net, former selling price was \$1.00; sale price now, \$1.

Big Embroidery Bargains

Lot 1—Embroideries, sold 80 and 10c yard; price, 60c.

Lot 2—Embroideries, sold 25c and 15c yard; price, 8c.

Lot 3—Embroideries, sold 10c and 20c yard; price, 11c.

Lot 4—Embroideries, sold 35c and 30c yard; price, 14c.

Lot 5—Embroideries, sold 50c and 40c yard; price, 30c.

Wash Dress Goods at Unheard-of Prices